

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 16, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Jim Giacone opened in prayer and Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Shane Cockrum, Vice President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone, Robin LaBuwi and Stacia Sloan.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Cole Buchanan and Jennie Ren, Student Council Representatives.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:02 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:51 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Mark Minor.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Cole Buchanan and Jennie Ren, Student Council Representatives.

Shane Cockrum, Vice President presided over the meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2024

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2024

5.2 Approve Financial Report (April 2024)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (April 2024)

5.4 Review/Approve SY 24-25 Field Trip List for Overnight/Out of State Trips (ENCL A)

5.5 Review/Approve 1st Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 114

5.6 Review/Approve Final Calendar for 2023-24 SY (ENCL C)

5.7 Review/Approve Johnson Controls Fire Alarm Monitoring Agreement (ENCL D)

5.8 Approve Student Chamber Trip to St. Louis Science Center/Six Flags on May 17, 2024

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Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, and Stacia Sloan – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosures A, C, and D have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Financial Update
- Project Update - HVAC in commons and Rich Herrin Gym & East Gym Locker Room renovation
- Summer office hours for both the school and district office
- Honors night - seniors receiving over 1 million in scholarships
- PERA Teacher Evaluation meetings held
- Egyptian Trust rate increase 5.2% for the 2024-25 SY

Mr. Docherty provided a written report.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

- Cole Buchanan introduced Jennie Ren as the new Student Council Board Representative.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of Activity Account Expenditure Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the Activity Account Expenditure for Tim McDaniel as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Macy Costellia as the Volunteer Flag (Colorguard) Coach for the 2024-25 SY. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Craig Garner as a Youth and Government Advisor for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Tyler Chance as a Youth and Government Advisor for the 2024-25 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Gretchen Bennett as the Play Director (Fall) for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Ron Winemiller, Andy Sloan, Aaron Webb and Alyssa Mitchell as Summer 2024 Driver Education Instructors as needed. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum- yes, Jim Giacone- yes, Marci Glover- yes, Robin LaBuwi- yes, Jay Copple- yes, and Stacia Sloan- abstain. Motion carried.

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Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve April Tedrow as a 2024 temporary part time summer custodian as needed. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Kaitlyn Crawford as a 2024 temporary part time summer secretary as needed. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Lori Craven as a 2024 temporary part time summer secretary as needed. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to accept the resignation from Amanda Overton as part time cook effective at the end of the 2023-24 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the leave request from Kaitlyn Crawford as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Aaron Cantrell as a volunteer assistant boys golf coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Brian Chard as a volunteer assistant girls tennis coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Dennis Drust as a volunteer assistant football coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Mitch Giacone as a volunteer assistant baseball coach and volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Daniel Glover as a volunteer assistant girls' basketball coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan- yes, Jay Copple- yes, Robin LaBuwi- yes, Shane Cockrum- yes, Marci Glover- abstain, and Jim Giacone- yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Hunter Roberts as a volunteer assistant football coach for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Brooklyn McMahon as a volunteer assistant Rangler Girl coach for the 2024-25 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to accept the Resignation of Kristin Petrowske at the end of the 2023-24 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Kirklyn Kay, Justin Martin, Keith Farmer, Chris Anderson, Samuel Batista and Gabriel Blades as summer 2024 student workers as needed. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the positions of part time cook and FACS teacher for the 2024-25 SY as available. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve RP Coatings Proposal to Refinish East Gym - West Locker Room Floor Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the proposal from RP Coatings to Refinish the East Gym - west locker room floors as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve RP Coatings Proposal to Paint East Gym - West Locker Room Walls Jay Copple made a motion to approve the proposal from RP Coatings to paint the East Gym - west locker room walls as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Agreement to Purchase Real Property (ENCL I) Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Agreement for Sale of Residential Real Properties as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.7 Review/Approve Network/Computer Specialist Contract Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for Computer/Network Technology Specialist as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.8 Review/Approve Bookkeeper Contract Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for Bookkeeper as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.9 Review/Approve Curriculum and Technology Director Contract Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for Curriculum and Technology Director as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.10 Review/Approve Assistant Principal and Transportation Director Contract Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for Assistant Principal/Athletic Director/Transportation Director as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jim Giacone- yes, Jay Copple- no, Stacia Sloan- yes, Marci Glover- yes, Robin LaBuwi- yes, and Shane Cockrum- yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.11 Review/Approve Prestige Project Management Change Order #1 Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the change order from Prestige Project Management as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 P.M. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY